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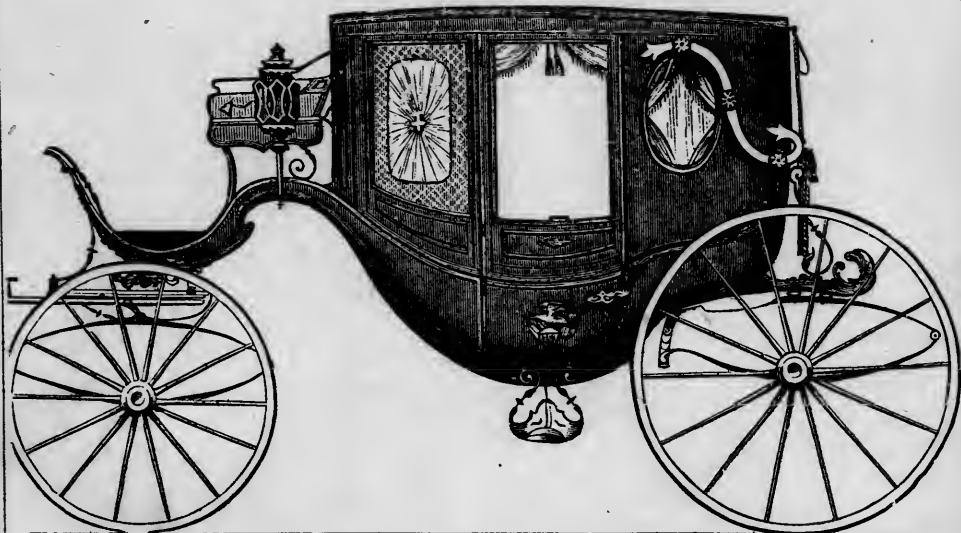
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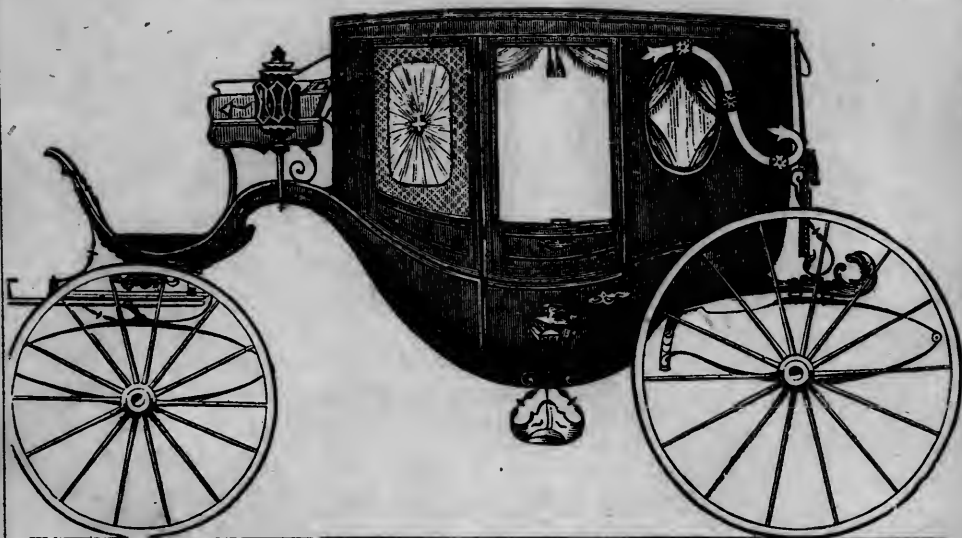
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FOR THE YEAR 1864.

Minutes of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, held at Newberry, S. C., beginning November 16th 1864, and ending November 21st 1864.

Bishop GEORGE F. PIERCE, *President.*

F. ASBURY MOON, *Secretary*

Question 1. Who are admitted on Trial?—James C. Crisp, Joseph K. Tucker, John Attaway, Micajah C. Davis, James H. Sturtevant, John C. Randall, Samuel Lander.

Question 2. Who remain on Trial?—Thomas A. Boone, John R. Little, Alexander W. Moore, Samuel A. Roper, George F. Round, Andrew J. Stafford, Christopher Thomason, J. Emory Watson, George W. Byrd.

Question 3. Who are admitted into Full Connexion?—John C. Hartsell, Robert C. Oliver, Jeremiah J. Snow, Samuel A. Webber, Richard R. Dagnall.

Question 4. Who are re-admitted?—None.

Question 5. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?—George Bright, from the Georgia Conference.

Questions 6. Who are the Deacons of one Year?—Thomas H. Edwards, Edgar T. R. Fripp, James H. Tart, Wesley W. Graham, George H. Wells.

Question 7. What Travelling Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?—John C. Hartsell, Robert C. Oliver, Jeremiah J. Snow, Samuel A. Webber.

Question 8. What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?—Jasper Bartell, F. W. Pape, Daniel A. Foxworth, Thomas A. Way, John W. Raby, J. F. McElhaney, John Attaway, Nathaniel C. Sweat, James H. Sturtevant, M. L. Kaylor, D. E. Chappel.

Question 9. What Travelling Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?—James D. Carpenter, William A. Hodges, Henry J. Morgan, Newton K. Melton, J. H. C. McKinney, D. J. McMillan, John E. Penny, John L. Sifley, John L. Stoddemire, R. Benson Tarrant, James J. Workman, John A. Wood.

Question 10. What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?—L. M. Rast, W. S. Hedwright, Fletcher Smith, C. N. Spears, H. H. Penny.

Question 11. Who have located this year?—Miles Puckett.

Question 12. Who are Supernumerary?—Willis S. Haltom, Colin Murchison, H. C. Parsons, Whitfoord Smith, Alexander W. Walker, W. W. Graham, J. S. Nelson, D. D. Byars, Augustine W. Walker.

Question 13. Who are Superannuated?—W. Crook, D. Derrick, B. English, A. M. Foster, W. C. Patterson, H. Spain, J. W. Townsend.

Question 14. Who have died during the past year?—Our beloved brother William C. Kirkland, fell asleep in Jesus on the 29th of March, 1864. He was born in Barnwell Dist., S. C., Jan. 6th, 1814, was converted to God in Nov. 1832, licensed to preach in Jan. 1835, admitted into the Conference in Jan. 1837, ordained Deacon Jan. 1839, ordained Elder Feb. 1841. At the close of 1859 his health being feeble, he asked from the Conference the relation of Supernumerary. At our last session to the delight of his brethren, his health permitted him to return to the active duties of the itinerancy. Alas! the term of his service was brief. Like a true soldier of the Cross, he fell in the field, at his post and with his armour on. Appointed to the Greenville Circuit, he entered upon his work with the zeal and ardour which always characterized his ministry. In the latter part of March, after preaching in one of the Churches of the Circuit, with more than his ordinary pathos and power, he became ill. On the following morning he reached the house of Dr. Wm. H. Austin, where, during two weeks he suffered from Rheumatism and Pneumonia, until at length he peacefully expired. Our dear brother was attended by Drs. Thomas C. and Wm. H. Austin and was nursed with all the careful tenderness of the warmest Christian affection. His remains repose in the Cemetary at Spartanburg. William C. Kirkland was an exceedingly amiable, sweet spirited man; a Christian resembling in the graces of his character, the innocent one to whom the Saviour pointed his disciples, and a model Methodist minister. "In his tongue was the law of kindness," and in his heart a fountain of love. His preaching had the charm of simplicity and was directed with evident singleness of purpose to the conscience of the hearer. Faithfully and lovingly, often with flowing tears and with a voice quivering with emotion, he pointed the impenitent, the mourner and the believer to the Cross of Jesus, as the only refuge of man. As a Pastor visiting sick, comforting the afflicted, advising the perplexed, praying with the tempted, and feeding the Saviours' lambs, he was remarkably successful.

Our brother died as only the true Christian can die, in perfect peace, assured of acceptance with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. His mind from disease and the effect of medicine, became somewhat confused, but he was the same gentle, patient saint he had been in health. When asked if Jesus was with him in the dark valley, he replied "O yes," and so he died. The "good and faithful servant" of the Lord has gone home and is now enjoying his rest. Love weeps at our Kirkland's grave, but hope standing there, looks to Heaven and exultingly exclaims, "The voice of the archangel and the trump of God."

William M. Wilson, was admitted into the South Carolina Conference as a member on trial, in December 1860. Early after entering on his work on the City Colored Mission, Charleston, the present year, his health began to fail, rapid consumption was developed, and on the 1st September he fell asleep in

Jesus. Brother Wilson was a young man of studious habits, prudent conduct, unflagging zeal and devoted piety. During his sickness he was patient and submissive, and was never heard to murmur or complain. About three hours before his death he awoke out of a sweet sleep, exclaiming "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy name." His wife asked him if all was well, if Jesus was with him still; he answered "The Lord is with me and I am nearly home:" in a few moments he breathed his last and was numbered with the saved in Heaven.

James F. Wilson was born in Marlboro District, S. C., February 4th, 1838, joined the Methodist Church May 1852, experienced the pardon of sins August 1853, and died in Darlington District January 18th, 1864. He was licensed to preach 1859, admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference 1860, and was appointed the present year to Darlington Circuit. His feeble health prevented his doing full work the last two years. The more intimate friends of Brother Wilson alone can measure the loss the Church sustains in his death. He was a hearty Methodist preacher, desiring nothing else besides the life, fortunes and death of an itinerant. His heart was strong in friendship, sympathetic in affliction, and ever in the circle of christian charity. Observant of duty, diligent in privilege, scriptural in worship, ever jealous for the Church, and zealous for God, a growth in grace and usefulness marked his short, but we trust fulfilled ministry. His abandonment to Christ and the present salvation of souls when in the pulpit, may have contributed to a somewhat earlier termination of his course. Such was the clearness of his call to preach and the humble view of his abilities, so fully did he apprehend the responsibilities of the ministry and the worth of souls, that his natural earnestness imbued with the spirit of Christ, would not seemingly let him preach otherwise. But the work of a good man and a good preacher is done. With many besides, he has left a deeply bereaved wife and child to mourn his loss and follow. He spoke often of his approaching end, of his readiness and of his "precious hope" beyond. His end was truly peaceful.

Algernon Sidney Link, a native of Catawba County, N. C., died at his father's residence November 14th, 1864, in the 26 year of his age. Being religiously trained, he was from his childhood piously inclined, and united with the Church. In the latter part of the year 1859, he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, and sent to the Walterboro Circuit. He was afterwards ordained Deacon and appointed successively to Conwayboro Miss., Rockville and Lexington Circuits and Wadesboro Station. Early in the year after reaching Wadesboro, his health declined to such a degree, as to make his retirement from the work a necessity. He continued to suffer from dyspepsia and pulmonary disease, but "in patience he possessed his soul" through all his afflictions. On one occasion he remarked, that the grave would be a peaceful resting place for his body while his spirit reposed in Abraham's bosom. He was in his right mind to the last, and when near his death smiled and asked his mother to kiss him, and entreated all present to

meet him in Heaven. He passed away in holy triumph an exemplary christian, and useful minister of the Gospel.

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RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	White Probationers.	Colored Members.	Colored Probationers.
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Marion "-----	40	4643	1046	6199	993
Columbia "-----	21	3547	368	9533	1509
Cokesberry "-----	30	4965	632	5237	1103
Wadesboro "-----	29	5553	1351	3828	740
Catawba "-----	26	7007	1132	2951	779
Spartanburg "-----	19	4601	456	1882	373
Total this year,-----	207	35684	5588	40007	7100
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Butler, P L Herman. Newbery, J W Humbert.
 Newbery Ct., J W Zimmerman, one to be supplied.
 Lower Saluda River Miss., S Townsend. Laurens, W A McSwain, J R Little.
 Pickens, J H C McKinney. Pendleton, Thos H Edwards, J M Carlisle.
 Anderson, S B Jones. Anderson Ct., Christopher Thomason.
 Chaplain 14th N. C. Regiment, W C Power.
 Chaplain 14th Georgia Regiment, Alex W Moore.
 Cokesbery School, J H Sturtevant, *Rector*.
 WADESBORO District, Charles Taylor P. E. Wadesboro, T J Clyde.
 Wadesboro Ct., J W Puett, T A Boone, H C Parsons, Supernumerary.
 Ansonville, L Wood. Albermarle, J W Abernathay, J C Hartsell.
 Concord Lewis Scarboro, S A Roper, W S Haltom, Supernumerary.
 Monroe, W W Jones, E A Lemmond.
 Lancaster, J W Crider. Hanging Rock, C E Land.
 Catawba River Miss., G W M Creighton. Cheraw, R R Pegues.
 Chesterfield and Coal Fields R. R. Miss., W L Pegues, E J Pennington.
 Bennettsville, J A Porter, M C Davis. Society Hill Miss., D A Ogburn.
 Chaplain 26th N. C. Regiment, A N Wells. In the Army, L A Johnson.
 SHELBY District, R P Franks, P. E.
 Shelby, John Watts. Lincolnton, E G Gage.
 Lincolnton Ct., D May. Dallas J C Randall.
 Yorkville, J B Massebeau. York Ct. and Miss., M A Connelly.
 Catawba, J M Cline, J S Nelson, Supernumerary.
 Rock Hill, A R Bennick. Pineville, J Finger.
 Charlotte, Jas Stacy, one to be supplied.
 Charlotte Ct., B G Jones, J D Carpenter.
 Lenoir, A P Avant. Caldwell Miss., Geo F Round.
 Yadkin Miss., J C Crisp, one to be supplied. Morganton, G W Ivey.
 Burke Miss., to be supplied. South Mountain Miss., I P Hughes.
 Davenport Female College, A G Stacy, *President*, Geo F Round, *Professor*.
 Lincolnton Female Seminary, Samuel Lander.
 Post Chaplain Charlotte, F M Kennedy. Chaplain 42d N. C. Reg't, S J Hill.
 Chaplain 43d N. C. Regiment, E W Thompson.
 SPARTANBURG District, W H Fleming, P. E.
 Spartanburg, W T Capers, Alex W Walker, Supernumerary.
 Spartanburg, Ct., V A Sharp, McDowell, J E Watson.
 Hickory Nut Gap Mission, to be supplied.
 Rutherford, J S Erwin. Columbus, H J Morgan.
 Pacolet, S A Webber. Goshen Hill, W Bowman.
 Union, O A Darby, N K Melton, C Murchison, Supernumerary.
 Greenville, R B Alston. Greenville Ct., R C Oliver, one to be supplied.
 Pickensville, D D Byars. Keowee Miss., F M Morgan.
 Wofford College, A M Shipp, *President*, W. Smith Professor.
 Transferred to Florida Conf., H D Moore.

RESOLUTIONS.—EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

PRESENTED BY F. A. MOOD.

Resolved.—That where a member of the examining committees fails without reasonable excuse or provision for his absence, to meet the class to which he is assigned, that the conference regard his place as vacated and fill it by a new appointment.

Resolved.—That the whole matter of filling vacancies, and making appointment of committees of examination, be hereafter referred to the committee on Education.

MEMOIRS.

PRESENTED BY A. G. STACY.

Resolved.—That in case of the death of any preacher of the Conference, it shall hereafter be the duty of the Presiding Elder of the deceased to prepare a suitable memoir of his departed fellow laborer to be presented to the ensuing session of the Conference.